

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 118

Introduced by Assembly Member Logue

March 6, 2014

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 118—Relative to California
Tradesmen Day.

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ACR 118, as introduced, Logue. California Tradesmen Day.

This measure would recognize September 20, 2014, as California
Tradesmen Day.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, California Tradesmen Day is recognized each year
2 on the third Friday in September; and
3 WHEREAS, California Tradesmen Day is intended to be a day
4 when the nation pauses to thank skilled workers, such as auto
5 mechanics, roofers, bricklayers, welders, plumbers, woodworkers,
6 electricians, carpenters, and others; and
7 WHEREAS, It is a day for people to find ways to show
8 appreciation and gratitude to tradesmen by holding celebrations,
9 recognition events, and activities throughout the country; and
10 WHEREAS, By 2030, 79 million tradesmen will retire with
11 only 41 million new workers replacing them; and
12 WHEREAS, Most vacated jobs will require training and
13 expertise our young people are lacking. Only 6 percent of high
14 school students consider a career in the trades; and
15 WHEREAS, These trends could mean trouble for a rebounding
16 America. Without the appreciation of tradesmen and encouraging

1 young adults to enter the trades, homes will not be built, roofs will
2 not get fixed, and plumbing will not be repaired; and

3 WHEREAS, California Tradesmen Day celebrates the
4 hardworking men and women who help ensure that the necessities
5 of daily life remain operational and serve as an important element
6 in making our economy function efficiently; now, therefore, be it

7 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
8 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby recognizes
9 September 20, 2014, as California Tradesmen Day, urges citizens
10 to offer their support to professional tradesmen, and encourages
11 bringing more attention to the skilled-labor gap and the
12 employment opportunities for skilled tradesmen.